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1. With the approach of good weather the Russians are resorting to draconian measures to increase uranium production in the Czech mines. They have asked the Socialist Unity Party (SED) in Germany to procure German laborers for these mines because of the low efficiency of the Czech workers. Wilhelm Pieck, co-chairman of the SED, has been placed in personal charge of the re-
[REDACTED] was suspended or completely abandoned.*
2. [REDACTED] and female German forced laborers arrived daily. They were sent almost exclusively to the Johannegeorgenstadt region, where 31 new shafts have been opened, and some 17,000 persons are working in the mines there. The women are employed in the forest of Schwarzenberg, 18 km. from the city. The Hotel "Neue Welt" houses 1,500 women and their quarters are very crowded. Some barracks are ~~behagruomsdrattdeish-Sheinbach.~~
Shenbach.
3. Early in March the district was inspected by three Russian Generals, accompanied by Major Ettkin, director of the Turmschacht and David Richt-Schacht mines. Exceptional security measures, including MVD supervision, were taken to protect the Russians.

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Aue region. This would tend to disprove the statement that uranium produc-
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